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Glacier Wind Project Ground Breaking Celebrates Montana's Newest Wind Farm

(HELENA)- Governor Brian Schweitzer today, along with Rafael Sanchez-Castillo Lodaes and Jose Maria Sanchez Seara of NaturEner, officially broke ground on Montana's newest wind farm at a ceremony hosted by the renewable energy company.

"What an exciting time for Montana," Governor Schweitzer said. "This wind farm is one of the reasons Montana is on the map as a leader in wind energy development. We are adding 106.5 megawatts of energy in just the first phase of this project. With more to come this is a significant contribution of clean and green, domestic energy to our region."

The first phase of the wind farm, which is located near Shelby, will consist of 71 turbines producing 106.5 MW. This phase is scheduled to be completed in October of 2008. Other phases are in the planning stages and will be constructed in conjunction with the Montana Alberta Tie transmission line

"Glacier Wind will have a significant economic impact on north central Montana," Governor Schweitzer said. "With over 150 construction jobs and 15 high paying permanent positions, this area will see an influx of about \$5-7 million in wages alone."

NaturEner has been working closely with Governor Schweitzer's administration on various aspects of production for well over a year.

"NaturEner plans to build in Montana some other 300 to 500 megawatts over the next two years apart from this Glacier wind farm" Jose Maria Sanchez Seara, NaturEner USA CEO said, "to become the largest wind developer in the State."

"We chose Montana for this project not only for the significant wind resource, but also because of the business-friendly climate," explained Jose Maria Sanchez Seara of NaturEner. "The Clean and Green tax incentives were a major factor in our decision to invest heavily in Montana. There are a lot of states with powerful wind potential, but Montana is clearly competitive because of the professionalism of the Schweitzer administration and the refreshing 'open-for-business' attitude. We look forward to being part of Montana for a long time to come."

NaturEner develops, owns and operates wind energy farms in North America and Europe. Since 1999, NaturEner has developed 14 wind farms in Spain. With the acquisition of Great Plains Wind & Energy and Energy Logics, NaturEner is now developing more than 1000MW of wind power in the United States and Canada.

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Where did the parts come from? Some towers are from North Dakota, some from Spain or Iowa. Blades are from North Dakota

Where is the power going? California. We are officially exporting to California!